

Overview

Community facilities consist of public and government buildings, libraries, schools, and other facilities that provide Gary residents, visitors, and businesses with necessary public services. According to City and agency staff, community facilities generally are adequate to serve the needs of residents in the near future.

City

City services and facilities are located in several buildings throughout the City:

- The Gary City Hall, Mayor’s Office, Human Resources, and the Departments of Finance, Planning, Building, and Zoning are housed at 401 Broadway.
- The Office of the City Clerk, City Court, and Police Department Headquarters are located at 555 Polk Street.
- Community Development, Environmental Affairs, Redevelopment, Empowerment Zone, Economic Development Corporation, and Commission on Human Relations are located at 839 Broadway. These departments recently consolidated operations at this location.
- The Gary Housing Authority is located at 578 Broadway.
- The Health and Human Services Department is located at 475 Broadway.
- The Parks Department is located at 455 Massachusetts Street.
- The Gary Sanitary District office is located at 3600 W. 3rd Avenue.
- Fire Department Headquarters is located at 200 E. 5th Avenue.
- The General Services and Public Works Departments are located at 9th and Madison.

These facilities are adequate to meet the current and future needs of the City, according to City staff.

Library

The Gary Library System has six branches located throughout the City to serve its residents, as shown in Table 9.1. The main branch at 220 W. 5th Avenue contains the library system’s most complete selection of information service materials, including microfilm, periodicals, government documents, and newspapers, in addition to fiction, nonfiction, and reference volumes. This branch also houses a Film Department, an art gallery, auditorium, and conference room, all of which are available for patron use.

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There are approximately 678,000 books within the Gary Library System. Additionally, there are 32,600 audio materials, 22,314 video materials, and 582 serial subscriptions available to library patrons.

The library system also offers a number of services to the community, including tax assistance, adult literacy tutoring, Dial-A-Story, and programs such as a drama series, jazz concerts, and senior-citizen-focused events. Extension services are also available for homebound citizens and those in outlying areas. These services include the Bookmobile, book deposits at schools, fire stations, and nursing homes, and pick-up and delivery services.

Table 8.1: Libraries

Branch Name	Address	Neighborhood
Main Branch	220 W. 5 th Avenue	All
Brunswick Branch	4030 W. 5 th Avenue	Brunswick
W.E.B. DuBois Branch	1835 Broadway	Midtown Business District
J.F. Kennedy Branch	3953 Broadway	University Park
Tolleston Branch	1113 Taft Street	Tolleston
Ora L. Wildermuth Branch	501 S. Lake Street	Miller
Black Oak Branch	5921 W. 25 th Avenue	Black Oak

Source: Gary Public Library Web site; Lake County, Public Libraries Web site, www.city-data.com

Post Office

The City is served by seven post offices:

- Gary Main Post Office, 1499 Martin Luther King Drive
- Downtown Finance Station, 115 West 5th Avenue
- Brunswick Station, 5325 West 5th Avenue
- Glen Park Station, 320 East 40th Avenue
- Miller Station, 518 South Hancock
- Tolleston Station , 2407 West 11th Avenue
- Fifteenth Avenue Station, 1490 Broadway

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Community Centers

There are several community centers located throughout the City:

- Barbara Wesson Community Center
- Ambridge-Mann Community Center
- Paul Douglas Environmental Center

Schools

The Gary Community School Corporation served 14,877 students during the 2006-2007 school year, down slightly from previous years. There are 29 elementary, middle, and high schools in the District, as shown in Table 4.2.

The Lake Ridge School District also serves Gary in the Black Oak area. There are a total of five elementary, middle, and high schools in this district with a total of 2,306 students (see Table 4.3). Several private, parochial, and charter schools also serve Gary. For a partial list, see Table 4.4.

Several schools have closed in recent year.

Table 8.2: Public Schools – Gary Community School District

Schools	Grades	2005-2006 Enrollment
<u>Elementary Schools</u>		
Benjamin Banneker Elementary	K-6	493
Benjamin Franklin Elementary	K-6	230
Beveridge Elementary	K-6	464
Brunswick Elementary	K-6	455
Daniel Hale Williams Elementary	K-6	564
Daniel Webster Elementary	K-6	433
Dr. Bernard C. Watson Academy for Boys	K-6	369
Ernie Pyle Elementary	K-6	443
Frankie W. McCullough Academy for Girls	K-6	385
Glen Park Academy for Excellence in Learning	K-6	730
Ivanhoe Elementary	K-6	449
Jacques Marquette Elementary	K-6	596
Jefferson Elementary	K-6	453
John H. Vohr Elementary	K-6	370
Kennedy-King Elementary	K-6	524
Kuny Elementary	K-6	434

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<u>Middle Schools</u>		
Bailly Middle School	7-8	688
Dunbar-Pulaski Middle School	7-8	569
Tolleston Middle School	7-8	762
<u>High Schools</u>		
Lew Wallace High School	9-12	913
Martin Luther King School Alternative	9-12	140
Theodore Roosevelt High School	9-12	811
West Side High School	9-12	1,320
William A Wirt High School	9-12	741
<u>Mixed Grades</u>		
Chase Alternative School	7-12	119
Emerson VPA	6-12	566
Gary Career Center	11-12	
Lincoln Achievement Center	K-12	62

Source: Indiana Department of Education, Gary Community School Corporation

Table 8.3: Public Schools – Lake Ridge School District

Schools	Grades	2005-2006 Enrollment
Grissom Elementary	K-5	353
Longfellow Elementary	K-5	471
Hosford Park Elementary	K-5	294
Lake Ridge Middle School	6-8	492
Calumet High School	9-12	696

Source: Indiana Department of Education, www.greatschools.net

Table 8.4: Parochial/Private/Charter Schools

Schools	Grades	2005-2006 Enrollment
Senior Thea Bowman Elementary School	PK-6	572
Blessed Sacrament School	PK-8	
MC Bennett Holiness School	PK-8	
SDA Mizpah Church School	PK-8	
Spirit of God Accelerated School	PK-6	112

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Christian Academy Ministry	PK-6	
Christ Baptist Christian Academy	PK-6	107
Treasure's Child Development Center	PK-4	
Ambassador Academy	PK-7	213
Tender Loving Care Academy	PK-1	96
Gary Academy & Blessed Beg Daycare	PK-12	102
Black Oak School for the Deaf	PK-12	3
Trinity Academies	K-12	
Ambassador Academy	PK-9	273
Gary's Promise	K-6	92
Life with Hope Preparatory Academy	PK-12	
Repairer Prep Academy & Career Institute	PK-12	
West Gary Lighthouse Charter	K-6	340
Gary Lighthouse Charter	K-6	516
21 st Century Charter School of Gary	1-10	304
TEDM Academy	PK-6	61

Source: Indiana Department of Education, www.greatschools.net

Note: Some enrollment figures were not available.

Colleges/Universities

There are several colleges and educational institutions located within Gary and nearby communities. They include:

- Indiana University Northwest, 3400 Broadway, Gary
- Ivy Tech Community College, 1440 East 35th Avenue, Gary
- Lovells Barber College, 1700 Broadway, Gary
- Calumet College – St. Joseph, 2400 New York Avenue, Whiting
- Sawyer College, 6040 South Hohman Avenue and 7833 Indianapolis Boulevard, Hammond
- Purdue University Calumet, 2200 169th Street, Hammond
- Indiana College of Commerce, 7147 Kennedy Avenue, Hammond
- Commonwealth Business College, 1000 E. 80th Place, Merrillville
- Davenport College, 8200 Georgia Street, Merrillville
- Hyles Anderson College, 8400 Burr Street, Crown Point

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Indiana University Northwest is part of the Indiana University system. The 36-acre campus in Gary, in the University Park neighborhood, enrolls approximately 5,000 students and provides a wide array of undergraduate and graduate programs and degrees.

The Gary campus of the Ivy Tech College system, which has 106,000 students at 23 campuses statewide, offers a number of courses and associate's degrees. Ivy Tech provides workforce education and training.

Genesis Convention Center

The Genesis Convention Center is the largest meeting facility in the Northwest Indiana and South Suburban Chicago area. Built in 1981 and designed by architect Wendell Campbell, this 52,000-square-foot building has a main convention floor that seats 7,000 people. It is located between 4th and 5th Avenues on Broadway, across from City Hall and adjacent to the Lake County Superior Court building. The facility, which is home to the Gary Steelheads basketball team, has a culinary chef, full-service kitchen, 12 meeting rooms, and two large banquet halls.

